

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

December 6, 2007

Mr. Robert A. Sturgell
Acting Administrator
Federal Aviation Administration
800 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Mr. Sturgell:


It has been brought to our attention that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) may be moving forward with consolidating engineering services at its New England Regional Office.

We understand that, during the recent consolidation process at the New England Regional Office, the FAA maintained that engineers would not have to relocate because their work was rightly viewed as essential to the region. However, we have been informed that the FAA has reportedly reversed course and that the engineering function at the New England Regional Office may be consolidated elsewhere. We believe that the engineers, who investigate, survey, design and implement equipment and facilities at the Regional Office in Burlington, Massachusetts, and in Nashua, New Hampshire, perform an important and necessary function, one which is critical to air travel safety in New England.

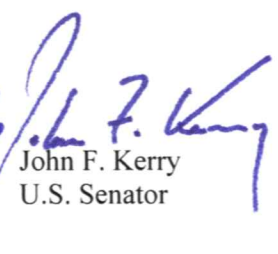
Further, as you may be aware, the U.S. House of Representatives recently approved H.R. 2881, the FAA Reauthorization Act, which includes provisions preventing the FAA from consolidating regional offices pending the completion of a comprehensive report and further consultation with the public. This legislation is awaiting consideration in the U.S. Senate and may be enacted before the year's end. In the meantime, we would urge the FAA not to take action on any proposal to consolidate engineering services at the New England Regional Office.

We thank you for your attention to our concerns, and, within the next two weeks, we respectfully request to be briefed on FAA's current actions at and future plans for the New England Regional Office in Burlington, Massachusetts and its satellite office in Nashua, New Hampshire.

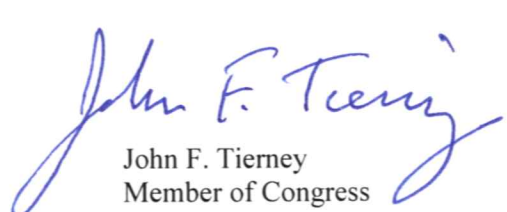
Sincerely,




Edward M. Kennedy
U.S. Senator




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U.S. Senator



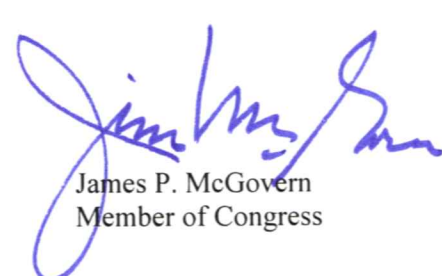
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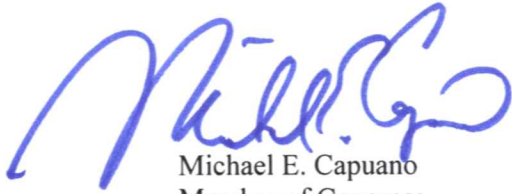
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